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MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE SUSPENSIONS

SUMMARY: LISBON PRESS REPORTED THE SUSPENSIONS OF MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARISTIDES VAN DUNEN AND ARMANDO CAMPOS XICOTA FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE MAY 27 ANGOLAN COUP ATTEMPT, AND THE DEATH IN MOZAMBIQUE OF FORMER PORTUGUESE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEMBER RAMIRO CORREIA. END SUMMARY.

1. LISBON NEWSPAPERS AUG 18 REPORTED THE SUSPENSION OF ARISTIDES VAN DUNEN AND ARMANDO CAMPOS XICOTA FROM THE MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE. VAN DUNEN, WHO WAS ALSO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNION OF ANGOLAN WORKERS, AND XICOTA, ALSO SECRETARY OF THE MPLA POLITICAL BUREAU, WERE SUSPENDED FOR "HIDING ELEMENTS WHO HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE INTENTIONS OF THE 'DIVISIONISTS' WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MAY 27 COUP ATTEMPT."

2. AUG 18 MEDIA ALSO REPORTED THE DEATH BY DROWNING IN MOZAMBIQUE OF CDR. RAMIRO CORREIA, FORMER MEMBER OF THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND HEAD OF THE FIFTH UNCLASSIFIED

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DIVISION (AGITPROP) OF THE ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF. CORREIA, A PHYSICIAN, AND HIS WIFE, ISABEL, WHO ALSO DROWNED, WERE WORKING IN MAPUTO CENTRAL HOSPITAL. ACCORDING TO PRESS, THE DEATHS CAUSED "GRAVE CONSTERNATION" IN THE MOZAMBIQUE MINISTRY OF HEALTH. COMMUNIST "O DIARIO" EULOGIZED CORREIA BY CITING HIS PAST SERVICES TO THE REVOLUTION AND DEDICATION TO "INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM"

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